

10 Southwell Gardens London SW
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The new year began well bringing me
your welcome letter of 20 Dec - but I
am in much trouble at the dangerous
illness of my dear old friend W. Forster
whose life is precious to the whole nation
In spite of careful packing the flower
was so brittle that it came broken & in
any case would not have borne to be
put in hot water - It seems however quite
to agree with those I have looked at in
Kew Herb - I think *Galaxia* may remain
as a separate genus including *A. juncum*
I hope that you have had from me
a tolerable specimen of *G. limensis*
if not I must send you one
from my own Herbarium.

I am working at my Compositae
which take much to put them
in order - but as I have to
formear the microscope & rarely
use a lens - I can do little
more than put things in order.

I have already sent you
our united best greetings for
the new year.

Yours ever
W. Ball

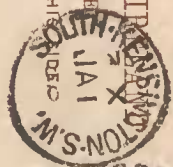
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